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SLOPE STABILIZATION TO BEGIN ON STATE ROUTE 138 IN CRESTLINE

San Bernardino - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) advises motorists that slope stabilization will begin on SR-138 near the Crestline cut-off at the SR-18 interchange on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. In the interest of public safety, SR-138 to Crestline will be closed for approximately one week, beginning April 13, 2005.

The contractor will begin mobilizing equipment into the area on Monday, April 11, 2005. A network of cable blocks (pulleys) will be assembled to accommodate the scraping operation. A scraper bucket will be utilized to pull down the soil and rock material.

Hydraulic saturation of the slope may be utilized after two days of the scraping operation to expedite this process. The entire procedure is estimated to take a week allowing for scraping, debris removal and clean up.

Motorists are advised to use the following alternate routes into Crestline:

SR 330 to SR18 and return west through Running Springs
SR138 from I-15 / Silverwood Lake Exit to Crestline

DBX Construction has been awarded an emergency contract to conduct work on the slope. Given the scope of operations, casual observers will not be permitted within the boundaries of the closure. Caltrans would like to thank the community for their support and patience.

Please remember to drive defensively and always - ***SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE!***

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